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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S REMARKS ON GUATEMALAN
ELECTION

1. SENATOR KENNEDY'S REMARKS ON GUATEMALAN ELECTION
CARRIED HERE ONLY BY EL IMPARCIAL, WHICH BURIED SMALL
ARTICLE ON PAGE 11 OF MARCH 15 EDITION, AND BY IMPACTO,
WHICH FRONT-PAGED AN ARTICLE ON MARCH 17.

2. MARCH 18 LA NACION CARRIED FULL-PAGE PAID AD ON
REMARKS SPONSORED BY "PROFESSIONAL BRANCH" OF MLN-PID,
A SMALL GROUP WHICH FAITHFULLY REFLECTS OPINIONS OF
GOVERNMENT COALITION. AD ATTACKED KENNEDY, DESCRIBED
AS "NORTHAMERICAN SENATOR OF THE 'DEMOCRATIC' PARTY,"
FOR ABUSIVELY MEDDLING IN GUATEMALAN AFFAIRS AND FOR
CRITICIZING PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICY OF ABSTAINING FROM
USE OF "BIG STICK." AD WENT ON TO MENTION THAT
KENNEDY IS "CONDEMNED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY FOR IMMORALITY"
AND CALLED ON GUATEMALAN CONGRESS TO DEMAND
"SATISFACTION" FOR THIS "GROSS LACK OF RESPECT."

3. ON MARCH 16, MLN LEADER AND NEWLY ELECTED VICE
PRESIDENT MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
TO KENNEDY: "AS CONGRESSMAN AND GUATEMALAN I SAY THAT
YOU ARE ABUSIVE AND STUPID (MENTECATO) FOR MEDDLING
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IN GUATEMALA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." TELEGRAM PUBLISHED IN

LA NACION NEWS ARTICLE ON MARCH 17 AND AS PAID AD IN MARCH
18 LA NACION.

4. ALERTA, SMALL CIRCULATION DAILY WITH CONSERVATIVE
SLANT, AND LA NOCHE, RECENTLY INTRODUCED EVEING DAILY,
COMMENTED ON KENNEDY REMARKS CALLING THEM
"UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE."
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